

CLAIMS:

1. An extensible golf club comprising:  
a club head;  
5 a handle; and  
a shaft coupled to the club head and the handle,  
the shaft including at least one spacer segment operable to selectively adjust the  
length of the shaft, and configured for maintaining the integrity of the shaft as an  
integral member.  
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2. The golf club of claim 1,  
wherein the at least one spacer segment is removably attachable to the shaft.
3. The golf club of claim 2,  
15 wherein the at least one spacer segment includes a female portion and a male portion  
for coupling to a first portion and a second portion of the shaft.
4. The golf club of claim 3,  
wherein the at least one spacer segment is configured for coupling with a first portion  
20 and a second portion of the shaft.
5. The golf club of claim 4,  
wherein the at least one spacer segment includes one spacer segment.
- 25 6. The golf club of claim 3,  
wherein the at least one spacer segment includes a plurality of spacer segments.
7. The golf club of claim 6,  
wherein each of said spacer segments is configured for coupling with one of:  
30 a) a spacer segment and a portion of the shaft; or  
b) two spacer segments.

8. An extensible golf club comprising:  
a shaft formed of a first portion and a second portion; and  
at least one spacer member configured for coupling the first shaft portion to the  
second shaft portion and configured for maintaining the integrity of the shaft  
as an integral member when the first and second shaft portions are coupled  
thereto.

9. The golf club of claim 8,  
wherein the at least one spacer member includes a first end including a female-type  
receiving port and a second end including a male-type connector.

10. The golf club of claim 9,  
wherein the at least one spacer member includes one spacer member.

11. The golf club of claim 10,  
wherein the female-type receiving port on the spacer member is configured for  
engaging a correspondingly configured male portion on the first shaft portion  
and the male-type connector is configured for engaging a correspondingly  
configured female receiving portion of the second shaft portion.

12. The golf club of claim 9,  
wherein the at least one spacer member includes a plurality of spacer members.

13. The golf club of claim 12,  
wherein the female-type receiving port on the spacer member is configured for  
engaging a correspondingly configured male portion on either of the first shaft  
portion or a spacer member, and the male-type connector is configured for  
engaging a correspondingly configured female receiving portion on either of  
the second shaft portion or a spacer member.

14. An apparatus for extending a golf club comprising:  
at least one spacer member configured for coupling a first portion of a golf club to a  
second portion of the golf club, and configured for maintaining the integrity  
of the golf club as an integral member when the first and second golf club  
portions are coupled together.

15. The apparatus of claim 14,  
wherein the at least one spacer member includes a first end including a female-type  
receiving port and a second end including a male-type connector.

16. The apparatus of claim 15,  
additionally comprising: a first portion of a golf club and a second portion of a golf  
club.

17. The apparatus of claim 16,  
wherein the first portion of a golf club includes a shaft portion in communication  
with a handle and the second portion of the golf club includes a shaft portion  
in communication with a head.

18. A spacer member for extending the length of a golf club comprising:  
a body configured for coupling a first portion of a golf club to a second portion of the  
golf club, and configured for maintaining the integrity of the golf club as an  
integral member when the first and second golf club portions are coupled  
together.

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19. The apparatus of claim 18,  
wherein the body includes a first end including a female-type receiving port and a  
second end including a male-type connector.

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20. An extensible golf club comprising:  
a club head presenting a substantially flat ball-striking surface;  
a handle; and  
a shaft coupled to the club head and the handle,  
5 said shaft including at least one spacer segment operable to selectively adjust the  
length of the shaft,  
said shaft being configured to prevent telescopic adjustment of the length thereof.

21. An extensible golf club as claimed in claim 20,  
10 said shaft including a normally lower portion coupled to the club head and a normally  
upper portion coupled to the handle,  
said spacer segment being adapted to be coupled between the lower portion and the  
upper portion.

22. An extensible golf club as claimed in claim 21,  
15 said shaft being non-retractable.

23. An extensible golf club as claimed in claim 20,  
said shaft including a plurality of spacer segments operable to selectively adjust the  
20 length of the shaft,  
each of said spacer segments including a first end and a second end,  
said first end of one of said spacer segments being configured to at least partly abut  
a second end of an adjacent one of said spacer segments.

24. An extensible golf club as claimed in claim 23,  
25 said spacer segments being interchangeable.

25. An extensible golf club as claimed in claim 23; and  
a locking mechanism for fixing the spacer segments relative to one another.

26. An extensible golf club as claimed in claim 25,  
30 said locking mechanism selected from the group consisting of thread, epoxy, a pin,  
and combinations of two or more thereof.

27. An extensible golf club as claimed in claim 23,  
said spacer segments being selectively interconnectable so that multiple spacer  
segments can be simultaneously used to adjust the length of the shaft.